## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 remains pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 8 being independent.

The above amendments are being presented to improve the form of the application.

No new matter has been added.

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